



Incorporated Village of Lake Grove

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Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year once again to all. Let's hope this New Year brings us all good health, wisdom and the prosperity necessary for a wonderful quality of life.

After one of the most significant blizzards in recent times, I just want to say a word or two about snow plowing. Our DPW workers are second to none when it comes to plowing. Please realize that the snow coming off the plows is pushed to the side of the road and may cause some inconvenience. This is unavoidable in most cases. Once all of the main and secondary roads have been cleared our trucks do return to try to ease the burden. These workers put in many difficult hours and provide the best possible service they can. Each storm presents different challenges to the operators and their equipment. Your patience is appreciated. If you do need to contact us with a plowing related issue, we will do the best that we can to resolve it. You can help us help you by removing obstacles such as portable basketball units and cars from the road.

Your **Village Board** has been working diligently to find innovative ways to cut costs while maintaining services and preserving the standards we have grown accustomed to from our Village. While the cost of daily operations and unfunded mandates keep rising, we continue to look for areas where we can become as efficient as possible. Our solar panels are working as well as expected and provide us with a vast amount of clean, free energy from the sun. Increased analysis of ways to conserve on heating and cooling costs has paid off as well. We have also replaced some of our older fleet with more fuel efficient and reliable vehicles. Modern, state of the art equipment has also reduced the amount of overtime overhead.

There are ways that each and every one of us can contribute in these difficult financial times. Please be as conscientious as possible when recycling. Recycling is much more cost-effective than simply discarding and paying the much higher cost of dumping. Mulch when possible, it is nature's top soil and fertilizer.

Construction continues in our very desirable Village on various retail establishments. The new Whole Foods center is nearing completion and is architecturally a tremendous improvement over what was previously at the site. The traffic calming islands required by the **Village Board** and provided by the developer will not only serve their stated purpose but also provide greater aesthetic value in the spring and throughout the year.

The redevelopment of the property where Toys R Us is now located across from the Smithhaven Mall has greatly improved the border along Moriches Road. The addition of brick pillars, ornate fencing, ornamental lighting and plantings was also required by the **Village Board** and provided by that developer.

Five corners at our southern border is also being revitalized with the addition of a new coffee shop. As you may or may not know the previous structure that was under construction was ordered to be removed as it was not in compliance with the original agreement with the **Village Board**, Planning Board or our Village Code.

Lake Grove Beautification and Historical Society and **Lake Grove Cultural Arts, Recreation and Education Society (L.G.CARES)** are always looking for new members. Please visit our web site (www.lakegroveny.gov) for information on joining one or both of these fine organizations.

Sincerely,


Robert J. Scottoline, Mayor

Village Board

Richard J. Cohen, **Trustee**

Eleanor J. Lotto, **Trustee**

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